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EXDIS MILITARY ADDRESSEES HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

FOL BONN 06770 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO LONDON NATO BRUSSELS  
MBFR VIENNA APRIL 25 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECDEF, USNMR SHAPE AND  
CINCEUR VAIHINGEN

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PARM, MBFR, GW

7?3:5: OPTION III: INITIAL FRG REACTIONS TO U.S.

MBFR PAPER

REF: STATE 87907

1. IN A DISCUSSION WITH RUTH ON APRIL 24, HE PROVIDED  
INITIAL REACTIONS TO THE U.S. VIEWS PAPER ON  
MBFR. HE SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE U.S.  
WITH MORE DETAILED COMMENTS BY APRIL 30, BUT COULD NOT  
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PROMISE ANYTHING DEFINITIVE SINCE HIS FMOD COUNTERPARTS

ARE PRESENTLY UNAVAILABLE.

2. RUTH SAID THE MAIN PRICE TO BE EXTRACTED FOR TABLING OPTION III SHOULD BE EASTERN AGREEMENT TO THE CONCEPT OF THE COMMON CEILING. RUTH INDICATED FURTHER THE WESTERN SIDE SHOULD AVOID ANY LIMITATION ON EUROPEAN EQUIPMENT. THE FRG WOULD WANT TO LIMIT ANY EUROPEAN COMMITMENT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OPTION III TO A NON-INCREASE OF PERSONNEL. RUTH EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT OPTION III SHOULD BE A "ONE-SHOT OPERATION" LIMITED TO AMERICAN AND SOVIET SYSTEMS.

3. RUTH REFERRED TO ONE DIVERGE CE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND FRG POSITIONS CONCERNING THE TIMING OF AN ALLIED DECISION ON EUROPEAN ARMAMENT CONSTRAINTS. WE BELIEVE HE WAS REFERRING TO THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE ON PAGE 13 OF REFTEL WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: "BUT WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR ALLIED DCISION ON THIS MATTER UNTIL AFTER EASTERN REACTIONS TO OPTION III ARE ASSESSED." RUTH SAID THAT WHEREAS THE U.S. BELIEVES SUCH A DECISION CAN BE DEFERRED UNTIL LATER, THE FRG WOULD RATHER REACH AN AGREED NATO POSITION BEFORE

BROACHING THE NUCLEAR ISSUE WITH THE EAST. RUTH SAID THE FRG WANTS TO KNOW CLEARLY WHAT LIES AHEAD BEFORE STARTING DOWN THIS ROAD. HILLENBRAND UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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